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17 August 1961MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. Col. George L. Eckert, U. S. Army
NPIC Army Detachment CommanderSUBJECT : NPIC Personnel Requirements, Technical Plans and
Development Staff

1. Pursuant to personal discussions with Colonel Reinhard as well as general consideration of personnel needs described to the NPIC Operations Board of which I believe you are aware, I am forwarding three position descriptions prepared by the Chief of the Technical Plans and Development Staff for your review and consideration. As stated on numerous occasions by Mr. Lundahl, [redacted] and myself, we are determined that the services of the best qualified personnel possible will be acquired for all NPIC positions regardless of departmental affiliation or military/civilian status. Our concern in this regard quite logically is subject to unusual emphasis when key supervisory positions are involved as is the case represented by the attached TP&DS position descriptions. Accordingly, it is requested that you take such steps as are necessary and appropriate to advise concerned Army elements and senior officers of TP&DS personnel needs with the object of obtaining top calibre Army candidates for any or all of the positions described.

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2. In view of the Staff's mission and involvement with the military services, it is hoped that we can obtain at least one top-level individual from each service to fill a key position. Your efforts to secure qualified position candidates from the Army will be supported in any way possible by the Office of the Director, and I feel confident that current administrative ambiguities may be quickly resolved if they impede the acquisition of top flight supervisory personnel duly selected for assignments.

3. In discussions with NPIC personnel who are knowledgeable of technical planning and development problems and who have worked with Army officers similarly concerned, [redacted] was recommended to me as an individual possessing the professional and personal qualities sought in a candidate for the subject staff. Insofar as the position of

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Deputy Chief of the TP&DS is concerned. a former Army Detachment Commander to the Center, [redacted] who is highly regarded by all NPIC associates with whom he worked, represents the calibre of officer desired despite relatively limited technical experience in photographic exploitation. This information is passed on to you in that it may more realistically represent and personify the calibre of the candidates sought, and, indirectly, it constitutes a very fine tribute to these individuals from their co-workers at NPIC.

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4. I would appreciate being advised of progress made on this request and stand ready to assist you in any way possible.

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Executive Director, NPIC

Attachments:

3 Job Descriptions (2 cys ea.)

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